

Patent
Attorney Docket: 272/090

24. The method of Claim 19, wherein the inflatable member is a balloon.
25. The method of Claim 19, wherein the selective degassing element is a non-mechanical valve.
26. The method of Claim 19, wherein the selective degassing element is a mechanical valve.
27. The method of Claim 25, wherein the valve is selected from the group consisting of slited rubber, self sealing elastomer, a plug, a membrane, and a hydrophobic filter.

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claim 1. Applicant has also added claims 2 - 27 in order to more fully protect the various aspects of the invention disclosed in the specification. A clean copy of all pending claims is foregoing. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

LYON & LYON LLP

Dated: March 5, 2002

By: Charles A. Kertell

Charles A. Kertell
Reg. No. 41,891

633 West Fifth Street, Suite 4700
Los Angeles, California 90071-2066
(213) 489-1600